

CS190C Lec9

Resource Calculation

Overview

- Peak memory calculation
- FLOPs calculation
- What is the maximum batch size?
- What is the training time consumption?

PART1: Peak memory calculation

For certain memory resource, how can we decide some scale of allocation?

- `batch_size`
- `max_seq_len`

We need to calculate peak memory, in order to ensure not suffering from `Cuda Out Of Memory` .

Suppose: `dtype=float32`, `d_ff = 4d_model`, `num_heads*d_qk = d_model`, `d_qk=d_v`, use `SwiGLU` for FFN, use `AdamW`.

We need to calculate in 4 parts:

- Parameters of model
- Activations of model during forward process
- Gradients
- Parameters of optimizer

1. Parameters of model

We need to calculate in 3 parts:

- Input layer
- Hidden layer
- Output layer

Let: $b = \text{batch_size}$, $c = \text{seq_len}$, $d = \text{d_model}$, $v = \text{vocab_size}$, $h = \text{num_heads}$, $L = \text{num_layers}$

1. Parameters of model

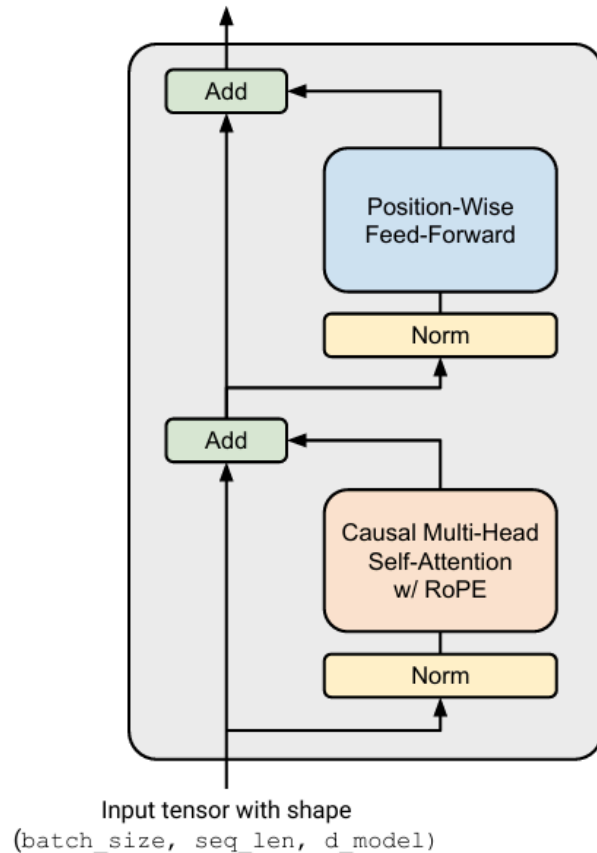
Input layer contains word embedding matrix only:

- `vocab_size*d_model` parameters in total.

1. Parameters of model

Hidden layer contains `num_layers` Transformer Blocks. For each block:

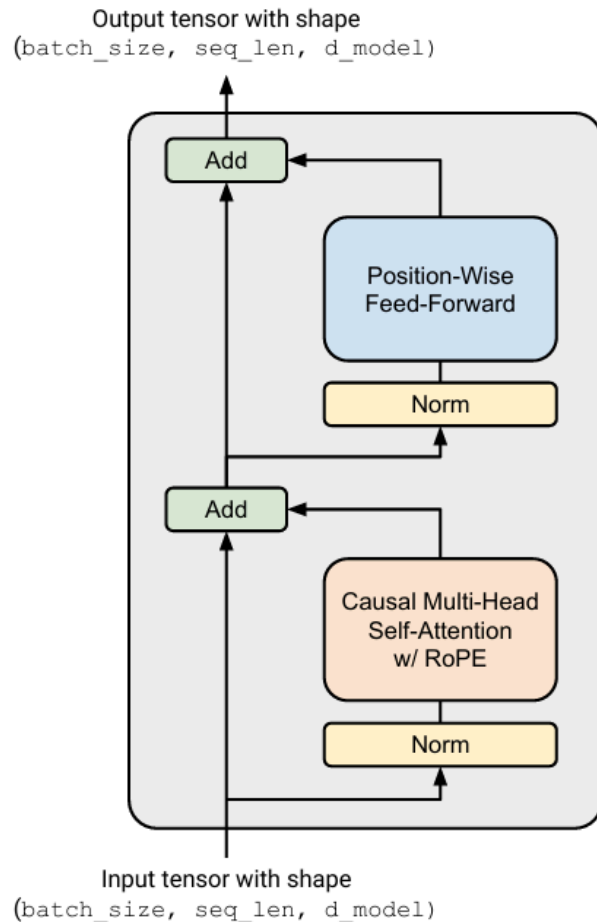
Output tensor with shape
(batch_size, seq_len, d_model)



- 2 `RMSNorm` modules: each contains `d_model` parameters, $2d$ in total.
- 1 `MHA` module:
 - W_Q, W_K, W_V : shape = `d_model*d_model`, $3d^2$ in total.
 - W_O : shape = `d_model*d_model`, d^2 in total.
 - $4d^2$ in total.

1. Parameters of model

Hidden layer contains `num_layers` Transformer Blocks. For each block:



- 1 FFN module:
 - W_1 : $d_{\text{model}} * d_{\text{ff}} = 4 * d_{\text{model}} * d_{\text{model}}$
 - W_3 : $d_{\text{model}} * d_{\text{ff}} = 4 * d_{\text{model}} * d_{\text{model}}$
 - W_2 : $d_{\text{ff}} * d_{\text{model}} = 4 * d_{\text{model}} * d_{\text{model}}$
 - $12d^2$ in total
- $L(2d + 16d^2)$ in total

1. Parameters of model

Output layer contains Final `RMSNorm` and a `Linear Projection` module.

- Final `RMSNorm`: `d_model` parameters
- `Linear Projection`: `d_model*vocab_size` parameters
- $d + dv$ in total

1. Parameters of model

Total memory of this part:

- Input layer: `vocab_size*d_model`
- Hidden layer: `num_layers*(2*d_model+16*d_model*d_model)`
- Output layer: `d_model + d_model*vocab_size`
- Total parameter: $N_p = 2dv + d + L(2d + 16d^2)$
- Total memory: $4 * N_p$ bytes

2. Activations of model during forward process

We should consider following modules:

- Transformer Blocks
 - Activations of RMSNorm S
 - Activations of Multi-Head Attention
 - Activations of FFN
- Final RMSNorm
- Logits of Linear Projection (output embeddings)

2. Activations of model during forward process

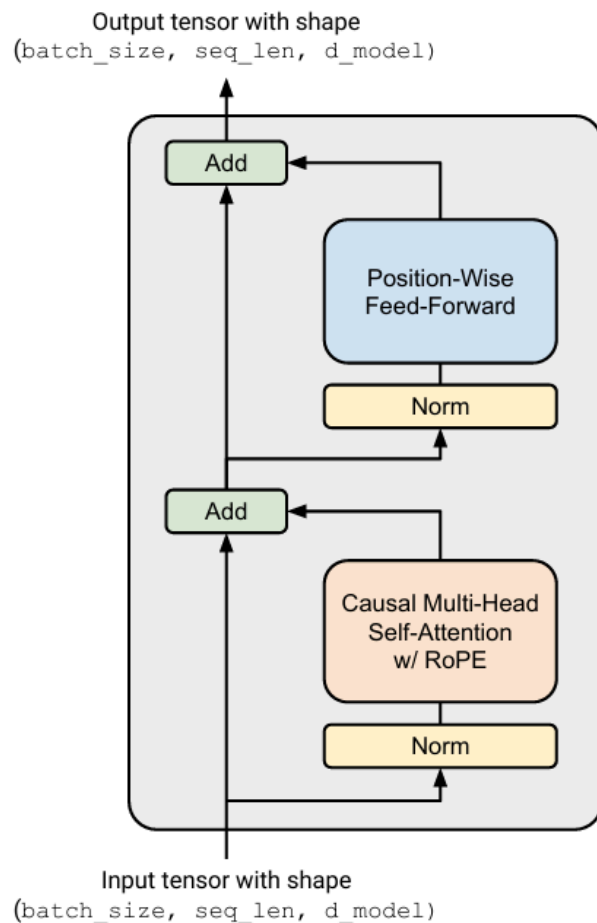
Why we need to save activations, instead of discard it right after calculated?

- We need to backward and calculate gradients after forward completed.
- Gradient calculation is related to activations!
- So we should infer what to save according to gradient calculation.

So how do we derivate what activation to save?

- Related to backward: Nodes on the computation graph.
- Related to parameter optimization.

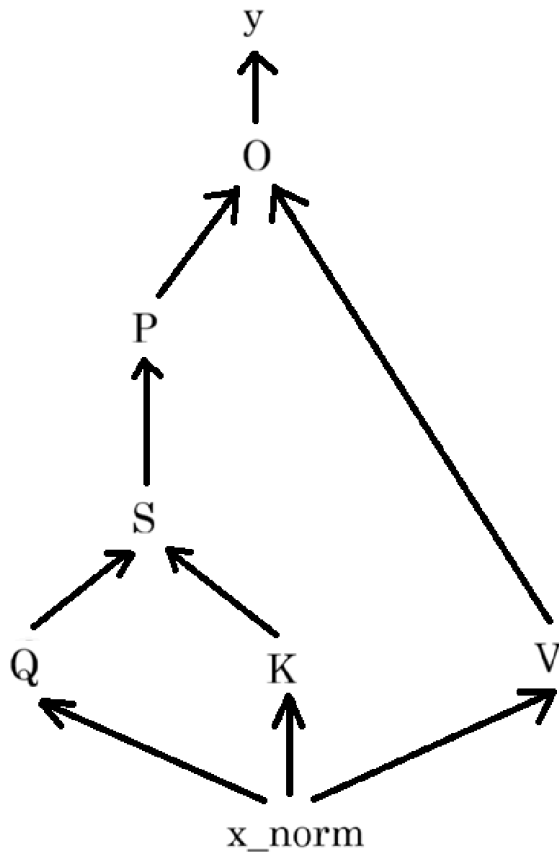
2. Activations of model during forward process



For **RMSNorm** before **MHA** :

- Forward: $x_{norm} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{\text{RMS}(x)}} \cdot g$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{norm}} \frac{\partial x_{norm}}{\partial x}$$
 - Gradients to calculate for optimization:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial g} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{norm}} \frac{\partial x_{norm}}{\partial g}$$
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial x_{norm}}{\partial x} = f(x, g)$, containing x (g has been considered in model parameters)
 - $\frac{\partial x_{norm}}{\partial g} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{\text{RMS}(x)}}$, containing x

2. Activations of model during forward process



For calculation of Q K V in MHA :

- Forward: $Q = W_Q x_{norm}$, K, V the same.
- Gradients calculation:

- Gradients to calculate for backward:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{norm}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial Q} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_{norm}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial K} \frac{\partial K}{\partial x_{norm}} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_{norm}}$$

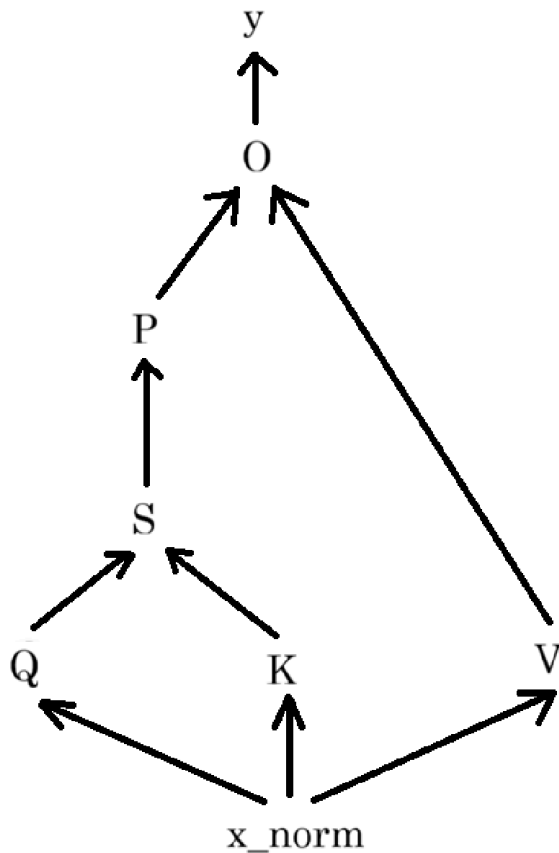
- Gradients to calculate for optimization:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_Q} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial Q} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial W_Q}, W_Q, W_K \text{ the same.}$$

- Activations to save:

- $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_{norm}} = W_Q$, has been considered.
- $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial W_Q} = x_{norm}$.
- Save x_{norm} .

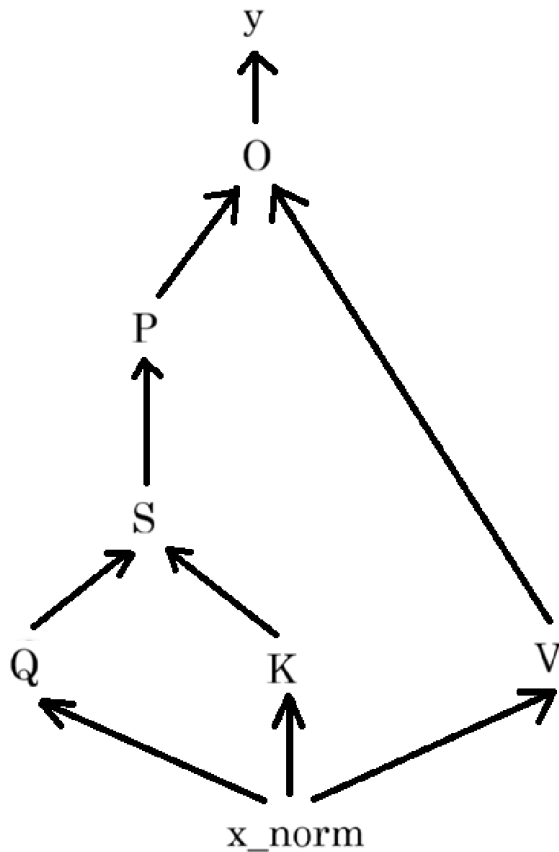
2. Activations of model during forward process



For calculation of Attention Score S in MHA :

- Forward: $S = \frac{Q^T K}{\sqrt{d_k}}$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
 $\frac{\partial L}{\partial Q} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial S} \frac{\partial S}{\partial Q}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial K}$ is the same.
 - No learnable parameters.
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial S}{\partial Q} = K, \frac{\partial S}{\partial K} = Q$
 - Save Q, K
- Shape: $[bsz, seq_len, d_model]$; Numbers: $2bcd$

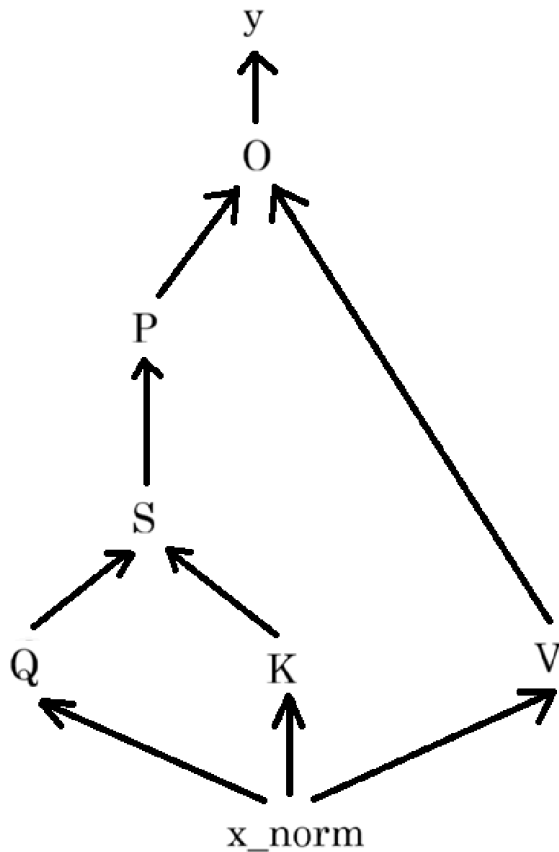
2. Activations of model during forward process



For calculation of Attention Weight `P` in `MHA` :

- Forward: $P = \text{Softmax}(S)$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial S} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial P} \frac{\partial P}{\partial S}$$
 - No learnable parameters.
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial P}{\partial S} = f(P)$
 - Save `P`
- Shape: `[bsz, num_heads, seq_len, seq_len]` ; Numbers: bhc^2

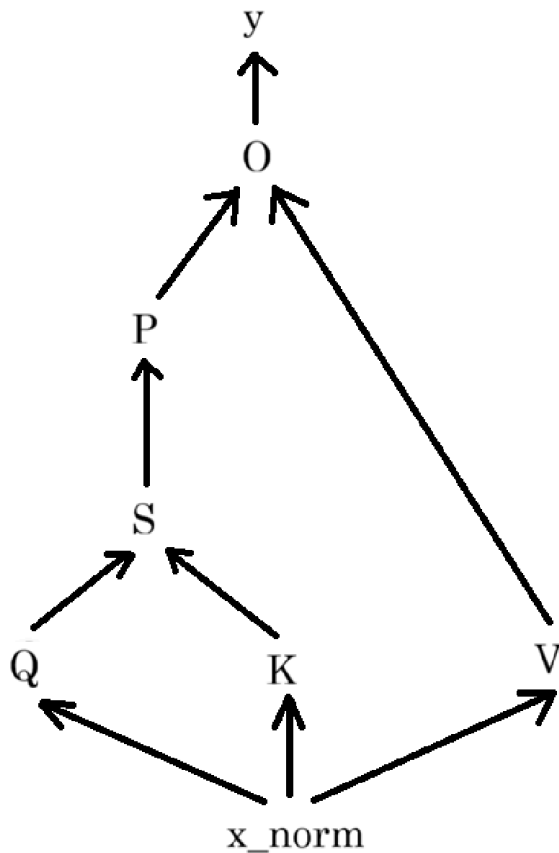
2. Activations of model during forward process



For calculation of multi-head output `O` in `MHA` :

- Forward: $O = PV$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial P} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial O} \frac{\partial O}{\partial P}, V \text{ is the same.}$$
 - No learnable parameters.
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial O}{\partial P} = V, \frac{\partial O}{\partial V} = P$
 - Save `V` (`P` has been saved)
- Shape: `[bsz, seq, d_model]` ; Numbers: *bcd*

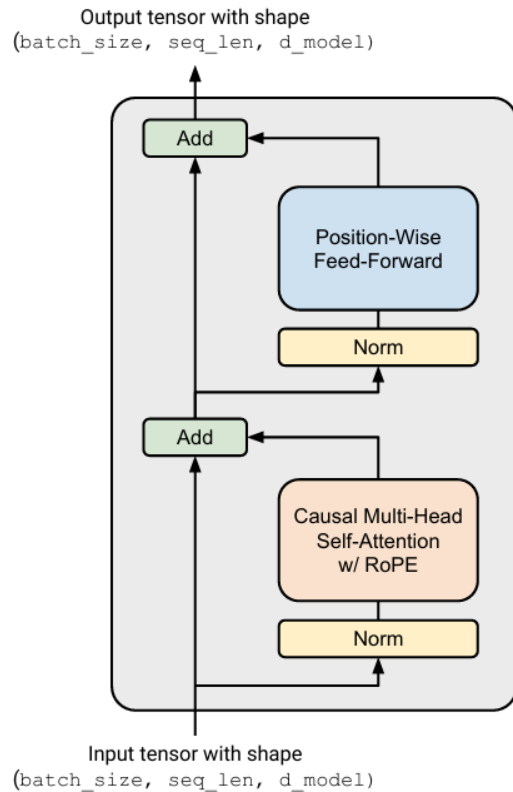
2. Activations of model during forward process



For calculation of attention output y in MHA :

- Forward: $y = W_O O$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial O} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial O}$$
 - Gradients to calculate for optimization:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_O} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial W_O}$$
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial y}{\partial O} = W_O$ (has been saved)
 - $\frac{\partial y}{\partial W_O} = O$
 - Save O

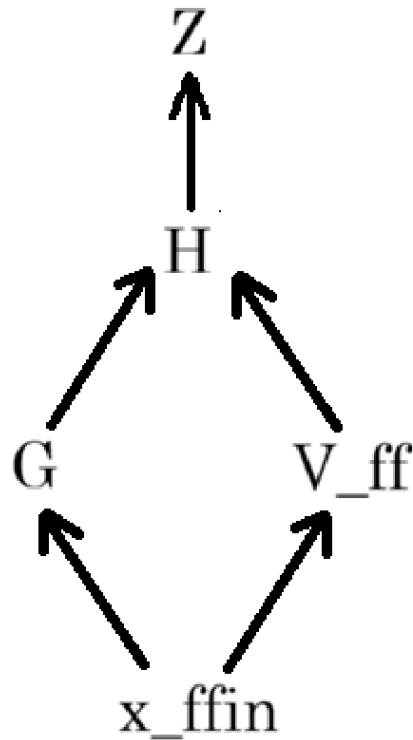
2. Activations of model during forward process



For residual connection and **RMSNorm** before **FFN** :

- Forward: $x_{res} = x + y$, $x_{ffin} = \frac{x_{res}}{\sqrt{\text{RMS}(x_{res})}} \cdot g_2$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{ffin}} \frac{\partial x_{ffin}}{\partial x_{res}} \frac{\partial x_{res}}{\partial y}$$
 - Gradients for g_2
- Activations to save:
 - Save **x_res**
- Shape: **[bsz, seq, d_model]** ; Numbers: bcd

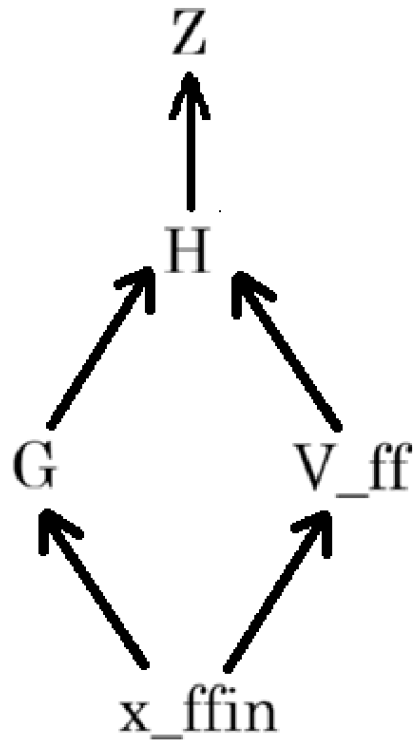
2. Activations of model during forward process



For W1 Gate in FFN :

- Forward: $G = W_1 x_{ffin}$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{ffin}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial G} \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_{ffin}}$$
 - Gradients to calculate for optimization:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial G} \frac{\partial G}{\partial W_1}$$
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_{ffin}} = W_1$ (has been saved)
 - $\frac{\partial G}{\partial W_1} = x_{ffin}$
 - Save x_{ffin}

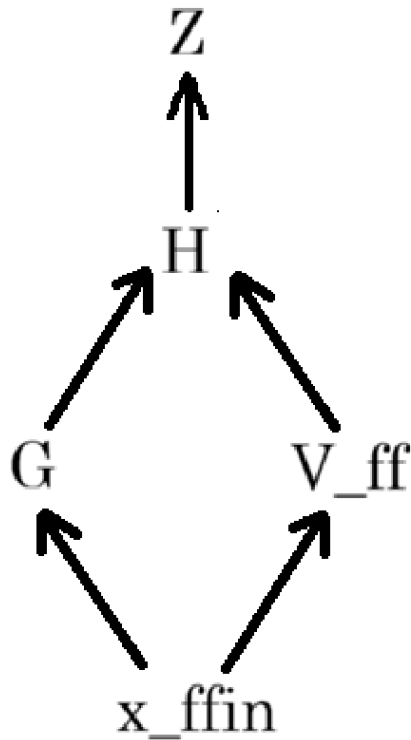
2. Activations of model during forward process



For W3 Gate in FFN :

- Forward: $V_{ff} = W_3 x_{ffin}$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_{ffin}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial V_{ff}} \frac{\partial V_{ff}}{\partial x_{ffin}}$$
 - Gradients to calculate for optimization:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_3} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial V_{ff}} \frac{\partial V_{ff}}{\partial W_3}$$
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial V_{ff}}{\partial x_{ffin}} = W_3$ (has been saved)
 - $\frac{\partial V_{ff}}{\partial W_3} = x_{ffin}$ (has been saved)
 - Do not need to save anything.

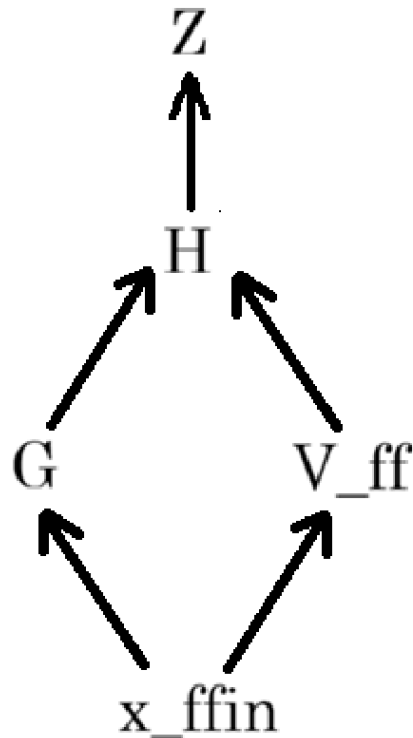
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For gate interaction in FFN :

- Forward: $H = \text{SiLU}(G) \cdot V_{\text{ff}} = G \cdot \sigma(G) \cdot V_{\text{ff}}$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial V_{\text{ff}}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial H} \frac{\partial H}{\partial V_{\text{ff}}}, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial G} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial H} \frac{\partial H}{\partial G}$$
 - No learnable parameters.
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial H}{\partial V_{\text{ff}}} = \text{SiLU}(G)$
 - $\frac{\partial H}{\partial G} = f(G, V_{\text{ff}})$
 - Save G, V_{ff}
- Shape: $[\text{bsz}, \text{seq}, \text{d}_{\text{ff}}]$; Numbers: $8bcd$

2. Activations of model during forward process

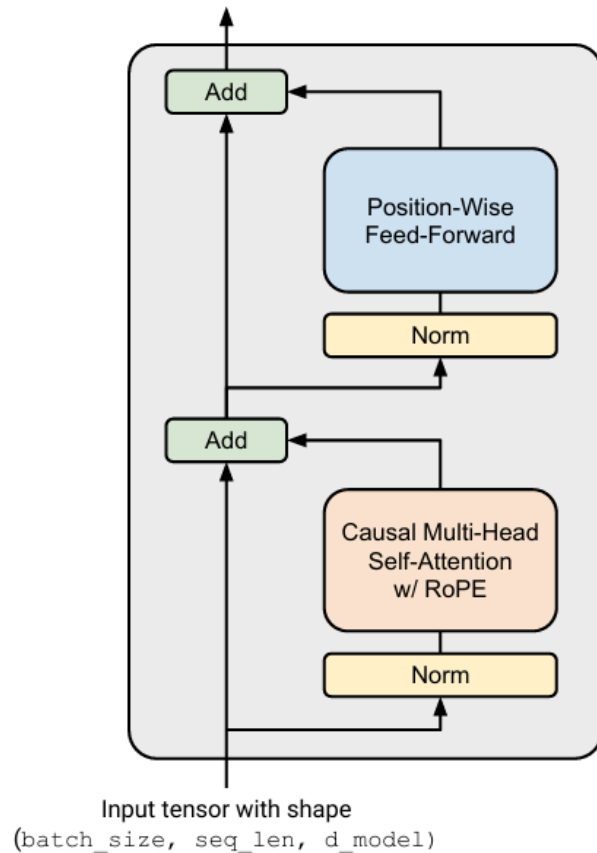


For W2 Gate in FFN :

- Forward: $Z = W_2 H$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial H} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial H}$$
 - Gradients to calculate for optimization:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_2} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial W_2}$$
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial Z}{\partial H} = W_2$ (has been saved)
 - $\frac{\partial Z}{\partial W_2} = H$
 - Save **H**

2. Activations of model during forward process

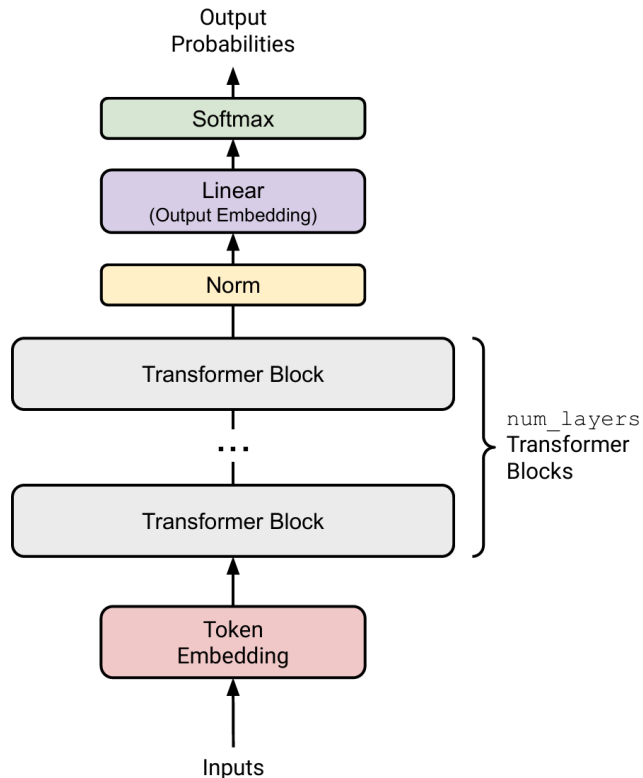
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For final residual:

- Forward: $x_{out} = x_{res} + Z$
- Gradient portion=1, no learnable parameters
- No need to save anything.

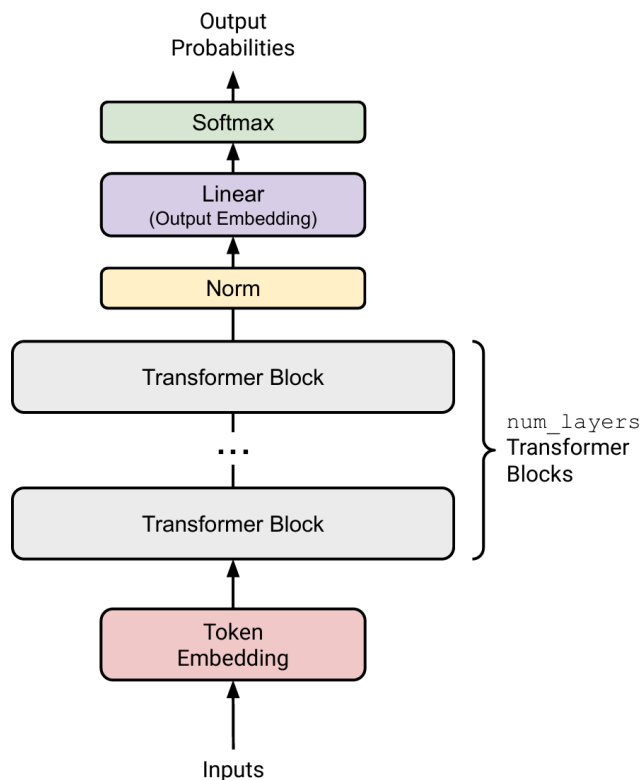
2. Activations of model during forward process



For Final RMSNorm :

- Forward: $X_{final} = \frac{x_{final}}{\sqrt{\text{RMS}(x_{final})}} \cdot g_{final}$
- Similarly, save the input of RMSNorm, that is the output of the last layer of Transformer.
- Shape: `[bsz, seq, d_model]` ; Numbers: *bcd*

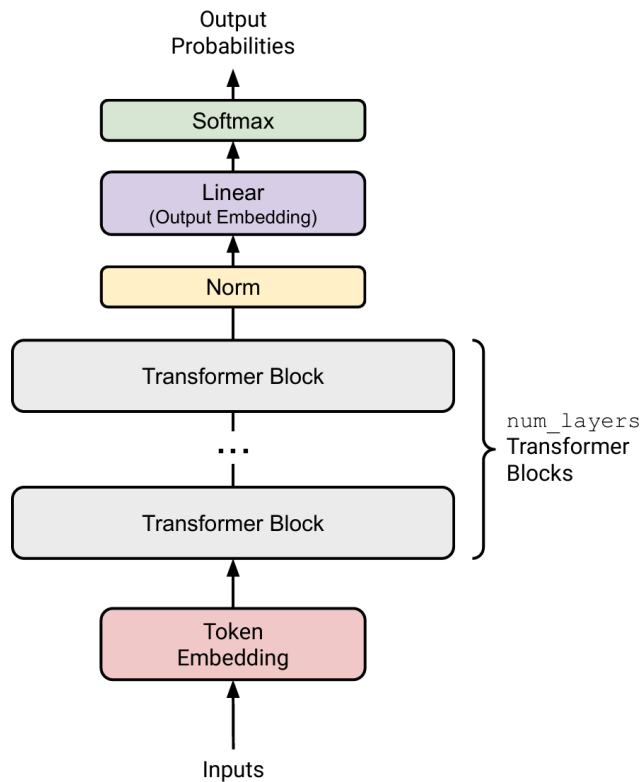
2. Activations of model during forward process



For **Output Embedding**:

- Forward: $\text{Logits} = W_{vocab} X_{final}$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial X_{final}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \text{Logits}} \frac{\partial \text{Logits}}{\partial X_{final}}$$
 - Gradients to calculate for optimization:
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{vocab}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \text{Logits}} \frac{\partial \text{Logits}}{\partial W_{vocab}}$$
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial \text{Logits}}{\partial X_{final}} = W_{vocab}$ (has been saved)
 - $\frac{\partial \text{Logits}}{\partial W_{vocab}} = X_{final}$
 - Save **x_final**

2. Activations of model during forward process



For **Output Embedding** :

- Forward: $L = CE(\text{Logits}, \text{Standard})$
- Gradients calculation:
 - Gradients to calculate for backward: $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \text{Logits}}$
 - No learnable parameters.
- Activations to save:
 - $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \text{Logits}} = f(\text{Logits})$
 - Save **Logits**
- Shape: **[bsz, seq, vocab_size]** ; Numbers: *bcv*

2. Activations of model during forward process

- For each Transformer Block: $20bcd + bhc^2 = N_B$ in total.
- For the whole transformer: $L * N_B + 2bcd + bcv = N_A$ in total.
- $4 * N_A$ bytes in total.

3. Gradients

It's easy: The number of elements of gradients is the same as model parameter's elements.

So $4 * N_p$ bytes in total

4. Parameters of optimizer

Parameters of AdamW:

- m_t : historical gradient \Rightarrow the shape is the same as model gradients.
- V_t : historical gradient fluctuation \Rightarrow the shape is the same as model gradients.

So $2 * 4 * N_p = 8 * N_p$ in total.

Peak memory calculation

The peak memory is: $16 * N_p + 4 * N_A$

$$N_p = 2dv + d + L(2d + 16d^2)$$

$$N_A = L * N_B + 2bcd + bcv$$

$$N_B = 20bcd + bhc^2$$

So the peak memory is:

$$\begin{aligned} &16[2dv + d + L(2d + 16d^2)] + 4[L(20bcd + bhc^2) + 2bcd + bcv] \\ &= L(256d^2 + 32d + 80bcd + 4bhc^2) + (32dv + 16d + 8bcd + 4bcv) \end{aligned}$$

PART2: FLOPs calculation

FLOPs: Floating Point Operations, which is used to measure how many computing resources will be consumed.

For example: $y = AB$, $A \in R^{n \times m}$, $B \in R^{m \times k}$

- For each element y_{ij} : m multiples & $m - 1$ adds
- $m(nk)$ multiples and $(m - 1)(nk)$ adds, approximately $2mnk$ FLOPs.

How many FLOPs for a single training iteration?

- FLOPs for a forward pass
- FLOPs for a backward pass
- FLOPs for an optimizer update pass

We mainly focus on **matrix calculation**, and neglect element-wise computation of RMSNorm, Softmax and so on.

1. FLOPs for a forward pass

For MHA module:

- Calculation of Q K V :
 - $W_{QKV}: [d, d]$ $x: [b, c, d]$
 - FLOPs: $3b(2cdd) = 6bcd^2$
- Calculation of QK^T :
 - $Q: [b, h, c, d/h]$ $K^T: [b, h, d/h, c]$
 - FLOPs: $bh(2ccd/h) = 2bc^2d$

1. FLOPs for a forward pass

For MHA module:

- Calculation of $\text{Softmax} \cdot V = \text{Attn} \cdot V$
 - $\text{Attn}: [b, h, c, c]$ $V: [b, h, c, d/h]$
 - FLOPs: $bh(2ccd/h) = 2bc^2d$
- Calculation of O :
 - $\text{Attn} \cdot V: [b, c, d]$ $W_O: [d, d]$
 - FLOPs: $2bcd^2$
- In total: $8bcd^2 + 4bc^2d$

1. FLOPs for a forward pass

For FFN module:

- w_1 and w_3 projections:
 - input: $[b, c, d]$ proj: $[b, c, 4d]$, 2 projections
 - FLOPs: $2(8bcd^2) = 16bcd^2$
- w_2 projection:
 - input: $[b, c, 4d]$ proj: $[b, c, d]$
 - FLOPs: $8bcd^2$
- In total: $24bcd^2$

1. FLOPs for a forward pass

For a single Transformer Block:

- $32bcd^2 + 4bc^2d$ FLOPs in total
- $L(32bcd^2 + 4bc^2d)$ FLOPs for all blocks.

1. FLOPs for a forward pass

For output layer:

- input:[b,c,d] proj:[d,v]
- FLOPs: $2bcdv$

So $F_{forward} = L(32bcd^2 + 4bc^2d) + 2bcdv$ in total.

2. FLOPs for a backward pass

We only need to estimate it roughly.

For matrix calculation $Y = XW$, X is the activation, a part of the computation graph, W is the learnable parameter.

For backward:

- We need to calculate $\frac{\partial L}{\partial X} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial Y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X}$ (discussed in part 1.2), that is to calculate $\frac{\partial L}{\partial Y} W^T$
- We also need to calculate $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial Y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial W}$, that is to calculate $\frac{\partial L}{\partial Y} X$

The sum of FLOPs of them is roughly equals to $2F_{forward}$ (1 matrix calculation is correspond to 2)

3. FLOPs for an optimizer update pass

For AdamW:

- $m_t = \beta_1 m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) g_t$
 - For each element: 2 multiplications, 1 addition.
 - 3 FLOPs for each element.
- $v_t = \beta_2 v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) g_t^2$
 - For each element: 3 multiplications, 1 addition.
 - 4 FLOPs for each element.
- $\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \alpha \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{v_t} + \epsilon}$
 - For each element: $\sqrt{v_t}$, $+\epsilon$, $\frac{m_t}{\sqrt{v_t} + \epsilon}$, $\alpha \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{v_t} + \epsilon}$, $\theta_{t-1} - \alpha \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{v_t} + \epsilon}$
 - 5 FLOPs for each element

3. FLOPs for an optimizer update pass

For AdamW:

- $\theta_t = \theta_t - \alpha \lambda \theta_{t-1}$
 - For each element: 2 multiplications, 1 addition.
 - 3 FLOPs for each element
- In total: $3 + 4 + 5 + 3 = 15$ FLOPs for each element
- Number of element is the number of model parameters
$$N_p = 2dv + d + L(2d + 16d^2)$$
- $F_{optimize} = 15N_p = 30dv + 15d + 15L(2d + 16d^2)$

FLOPs calculation

FLOPs for a complete training iteration:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{total} &= F_{forward} + F_{backward} + F_{optimize} \\ &= 3F_{forward} + F_{optimize} \\ &= 3L(32bcd^2 + 4bc^2d) + 6bcdv + 30dv + 15d + 15L(2d + 16d^2) \end{aligned}$$

PART3: What is the maximum batch size?

Suppose we have only 1 rtx3090. What the maximum batch size we can allocate without gradient accumulation?

$$M_{peak} = [L(256d^2 + 32d) + (32dv + 16d)] + b[L(80cd + 4hc^2) + (8cd + 4cv)]$$

$$= M_{static} + bM_{per_sample}$$

$$M_{3090} = 24GB = 24 * 1024^3$$

$$\Rightarrow b_{max} \approx \left\lfloor \frac{M_{3090} - M_{static}}{M_{per_sample}} \right\rfloor$$

$$\Rightarrow b_{max} \approx \frac{24 \times 10^9 - (256Ld^2 + 32dv)}{4Lc(20d + hc)}$$

PART4: What is the training time consumption?

Suppose we have 4 rtx3090, using `wikitext103` dataset to train 5 epochs. What the time consumption, neglecting time of evaluation?

Can we calculate like this?

$$T_{seconds} = \frac{\text{Total FLOPs}}{\text{Peak efficiency of GPU}}$$

We should consider `Model FLOPs Utilization` (MFU) of GPU. That is: GPUs are expected to work at efficiency $\text{MFU} * \text{Peak}$

$$T_{seconds} = \frac{\text{Total FLOPs}}{\text{MFU} * \text{Peak}}$$

$$\text{Total FLOPs} = \text{Total Steps} * \text{FLOPs per Step}$$

$$\text{Total Steps} * bc = \text{Total Tokens} * \text{epoch}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Total Steps} = \frac{5 * \text{Total Tokens}}{bc} = \frac{5.15 * 10^8}{bc}$$

$$\text{Total FLOPs} = \frac{5.15 * 10^8}{bc} (3L(32bcd^2 + 4bc^2d) + 6bcdv + 30dv + 15d + 15L(2d + 16d^2))$$

$$T_{seconds} = \frac{5.15 * 10^8}{1.424 * 10^{14}} \frac{3L(32bcd^2 + 4bc^2d) + 6bcdv + 30dv + 15d + 15L(2d + 16d^2)}{bc * \text{MFU}}$$

$$T_{seconds} = 3.617 * 10^{-6} \cdot \frac{3L(32bcd^2 + 4bc^2d) + 6bcdv + 30dv + 15d + 15L(2d + 16d^2)}{bc * \text{MFU}}$$

Suppose $b = 4, c = 256, d = 1024, L = 12, v = 32000, \text{MFU} = 0.5$

$$T_{seconds} = 3.617 * 10^{-6} \cdot \frac{3L(32bcd^2 + 4bc^2d) + 6bcdv + 30dv + 15d + 15L(2d + 16d^2)}{bc * \text{MFU}}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{seconds} = 10461.9974$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{hours} = 2.9061$$